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A Wonderful Spirit Of Community Service Enables New Community To Accomplish Marvelous Things

Our country celebrated the gift of community service April 15-26, so it is high time we recognize the many around us who serve.

First of all, let me say how **difficult** it was to find out who all of our volunteers were! The reason for this is that so many folks don't consider the work they are doing as "volunteer" or "community service." They simply see a neighbor who has a need and tend to it. It's a way of life. Because it is important to say thank you, we pushed on and located volunteers in every nook and crevice of the network. They were at all the day care centers, assisting the caregivers, reading to the children, and through the foster grandparent program some were providing the inter-generational link that is so key to the development of our children.

At Harmony House, the Kingpin volunteer is the volunteer coordinator himself! He connects the volunteers

with the needs of Harmony House, which are predominantly tutoring.

Youth services boasts six VISTA volunteers and one college student who help the children with their homework and have the children do some supplemental work.

In St. Rose of Lima Elementary School, there were a variety of volunteer instructional programs in action which were aimed at supplementing the children's reading classes. One in particular was the Tuesday after-school tutoring program. At this one, high school and college students worked with only 2 to 3 children each, to improve their reading skills and ability. Part of the volunteer experience included weekly training in how to be effective reading teachers.

When I looked within our buildings, I discovered a plethora of volunteer activities taking place! Meals were being prepared and served. Bulletins



Jeanette Lee, volunteer, makes the stories come to life for the children at Babyland V.

were being distributed. Parties were being planned. Food was being allocated to those who needed it. Residents were visiting the ill in the hospitals. Some of our tenants were visiting residents at New Community Extended Care Facility to bring some cheer. The list goes on. Seemingly ordinary folks, doing ordinary tasks because they have the attitude which says we all have to pitch in and help, if we want a better world. This makes them **extra-ordinary** people.

While people who volunteer don't look to be thanked, we can't tell you enough how **important** your commit-

ment to the network is. These tasks would go unended if it were not for our volunteers.

Volunteers bring inspiration to the rest of us, because there is something within a volunteer's heart that says, "Yes, I want to help." That reminds the rest of us what the mission of New Community is. The members of New Community believe by reaching out to other residents of Newark who share this belief and involvement, raising the quality of life of the people of Newark can be accomplished. That is true community service.

Consortium Of Bankers Pays A Visit

The Consortium of Bankers from member institutions of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New Jersey visited New Community Corporation for a tour of our housing, day care and community economic development projects. The Consortium are also participants in the Affordable Housing Program, which finances the purchase, construction and/or rehabilita-

tion of low income housing. The Consortium Bankers experienced a positive alternative to homelessness and how this model could be used in other communities. In concluding the tour, a ride through New Community's developments demonstrated how New Community pioneered the development of affordable, safe and de-



Msgr. Wm. Linder shows off New Community Pathmark to Consortium of Bankers on recent tour of NCC Network.

ment of very low income housing.

The Bankers assembled for coffee at St. Joseph Plaza, which gave them an opportunity to meet staff members of New Community and receive information about our organization's history and accomplishments. Following introductions from Consortium Members, a tour of New Community/Pathmark Shopping Center, The World of Foods and Dunkin' Donuts was given. Members seemed delighted to see community revitalization in the form of services and job creation.

New Community Harmony House

cent housing in Newark.

A luncheon preceding the tour reinforced the priorities of New Community and the Consortium to work together on the creation of more affordable housing.

New Community would like to thank the organizers of the visit: Mr. Brian Dittenhafer, President; Mr. Donald J. Wolff, Senior Vice-President; Mr. Charles H. Jones, Vice-President; Mr. Alphonso Whitfield, Jr., Vice-President, from The Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and Mr. Edmond W. Lawlor, Jr., President; and Mr. Frank Willis of the New Jersey Savings League.

Opportunity For Career Selection Motivation For At-Risk Youths

A public hearing for At-Risk Youths sponsored by the New Jersey State Employment & Training Commission was held on February 27, 1991, at New Community Commons, 140 South Orange Avenue, Newark, N.J.

Commission moderators included members, Kathy L. Spivey and Msgr. William J. Linder.

Participants from various agencies and colleges throughout Essex County and the State gave testimony as to the problems of at-risk youths and the types of task of employment, training, and occupational education, contributed to youths.

However, the testimony that captured the attention of those attending was given by Youth Counselor Amanda Harrow, and Shana Windley, a youth applicant, both from New Community Employment Center. Their testimony gave insight to the fact that in today's society, we are not giving our youths a choice to achieve and become self-sustaining adults of tomorrow, but rather, displaced workers of the future.

"Many of our Vocational High School students lack opportunity in their choice of vocational career selec-

tion, due to over registration of classes. These youths, who exceed the number of seats in a vocational program, are placed in whatever available classes are left - whether they have an aptitude or interest in the course - just to fit the school's need," said Ms. Harrow.

"This is not a new problem, but an old practice of the school system, as well as many area training programs. Many applicants we see in our offices today are a result of this on going practice. Students who are placed in vocational or training programs of non-interest, lack the motivation or attention needed to excel, have high rates of absenteeism, poor grades, low self-esteem and constitute a high drop-out percentage, eliminating them from both the work force of today and definitely that of tomorrow."

Those students who manage to stick it out and graduate have difficulty finding employment, which many times is needed to pursue higher education or training for the future.

Such was the case with Shana Windley, who is a perfect example of the shunt practice. She wanted a career in cosmetology, hoping one day

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to own her own business. She applied and was accepted at a vocational school for cosmetology. At the beginning of the semester she was told the class was overcrowded and she would have to take something else until the following semester when she would be placed in the class for cosmetology.

The next semester shattered her dream, when she was told she had to remain in the auto-mechanics course they shunted her to, because "whatever program you begin with at the school you must keep."

Even though Shana was heart sick, she managed to complete the course, and in June 1990, graduated with a high school diploma and a certificate in auto-mechanics. Religiously each working day for 9 months, Shana job searched to no avail. Then a friend told her about the New Community Employment Center.

On March 12, 1991, with the help

to help their dreams gain substance. Their cry for help has fallen too long on deaf ears.

The future of this society depends greatly on what we do now toward helping our youth to become self-sustaining adults of tomorrow through proper education, training, and most of all, employment upon graduation from high school.

There are so many youths who have graduated and cannot find jobs. Some need jobs to continue to attend college, some to be able to take care of the essential needs of food, clothing and shelter so they can attend skill training programs.

Any employer wishing to hire positive young people can contact: New Community Employment Center at 643-3828 Monday-Friday, 9-5 p.m.

Help a young person have a chance at a productive future!

51 Placements For April

Employment Goal: Satisfaction

Mrs. Andrea West from the Occupational Center of Essex County is delighted with New Community Employment Center Services. Mrs. West expressed that, "Our agency is extremely pleased with Leslie Webb (an applicant referred by the Employment Center). He is always very pleasant, no matter how much pressure he is under."

Mr. Webb was employed by the Occupational Center on April 7, 1989 as a receptionist. He, too, is delighted with his employment.

On behalf of the Staff at New Community Employment Center, Happy 2nd Anniversary, Mr. Webb, with your continued employment at the Occupational Center, and Good Luck to you also Mrs. West!

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Felicia Holmes

Employment Counselor/
Job Developer

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development, (201) 482-0682.

A Special Day For Secretaries

On Thursday, April 25, New Community Corporation honored all the secretaries in the Network. (This includes Babyland, Extended Care and St. Rose of Lima.) They attended a seminar in the morning and afterwards enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon prepared by the Priory. Each of the 35 attendees was presented with a green and white corsage. The afternoon ended with door prizes for lucky ticket holders. In attendance were:

Debbie Julu, Cynthia Scott, Shana

Guy, Debbie Rohman, Gwen Grier, Valerie Cooper, Barbara Ford, Pamela Austin, Patricia Florence, Mabel Hines, Robin Baker, Joy Blaine, Ada Izazary, Linda Farrell, Angela Porter, Linda Studivant, Ruth Baysah, Frances Lavalie, Ernestine Levell, Loretta Jacobs, Kim Tillman, Carman Gamalinda, Kassama Holiday, Barbara Story, Gwen Coleman, Tina Harris, Tonya Boyd, Jeanette Morales, Renee Fuller, Denise McCoy, Lee Dulog, Adrienne Perry, Ruperta Nazario, Juanita West, Donna Edwards.



Harmony House secretary, Renee Fuller, helps Valerie Cooper with her corsage.



The New Community secretaries enjoyed a delicious buffet luncheon.

Shana Windley

of her counselor and an employer willing to train, Shana became employed as a clerical at Dynatron Company. When I recently spoke with her employer, Mr. Ron Biscardi, he told me, "Shana is doing a fine job. She reports on time each work day and even though things are beginning to slow, I find other work for her to do."

In life we must constantly make decisions. The decisions we make where others are concerned determine the quality of life each individual will lead. They affect all of the people who are part of that life as well as the society in which they live.

There are many positive young people in today's society who have made constructive and sound career choices. It is now up to the leaders of today, as well as all others concerned,

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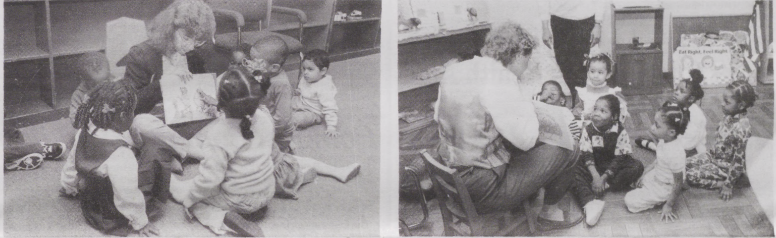
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Malkata Young
And many more.

(Please accept our apologies for not listing your name.)



There's nothing like a good story.



A Celebration Of Service Is Taking Place

A celebration is taking place throughout the country, a celebration of community service. This winter we celebrated the service of our armed forces. Now the time has come to recognize the thousands of individuals and organizations who serve those in need on a voluntary basis within our country.

The Points of Light Foundation, founded by President George Bush upon his inauguration in 1988 seeks to challenge every American to make a commitment to serve by highlighting those who already participate in meaningful community service.

The celebration was from April 15-26. Each day the national spotlight shone on a specific community and specific theme of service. April 17 was Newark's day in the spotlight and the service highlighted was literacy.

The kick-off took place early Wednesday morning at the Newark Public Library on Washington Street with Mayor Sharpe James and the many volunteer readers representing

various organizations within the city. Ms. Emily Ross and students from St. Rose of Lima Elementary School were in attendance.

Later in the morning, volunteers from "New Jersey Connection" came to Babyland III to read to the children. Then a group of Babyland children and St. Rose of Lima students went down to City Hall for a story hour, led by Mayor Sharpe James and Governor and Mrs. Florio.

How are our volunteers combatting illiteracy?

A volunteer reading to children at Babyland promotes literacy. A volunteer who tutors one of the residents of Harmony House so that she can pass the GED promotes literacy. A volunteer instructing some of our non-English speaking residents in English promotes literacy. Volunteers helping in the after-school programs at Bruce Street, Hunderton Avenue, and St. Rose School promote literacy.

Within our network, there are over 75 people who volunteer services for the purpose of encouraging literacy.

The volunteers are as unique as the folks they serve. They are high school and college students. They are middle-aged men and women. They are seniors. They are disabled. They are professionals. They are New Com-

munity residents. They are people from the suburbs.

We thank all you wonderful people for the model of dedication and selflessness that you are to the rest of us.

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Harmony House Celebrates Women's Month

On March 26th, the women of Harmony House celebrated Women's Month. The event took place at the Harmony House facility and for two hours the women residents shared with New Community Corporation women their experiences on being women.

The women shared such issues as being single parents, the women's struggle in today's society, education and career goals. A tape by Susan Taylor of Essence served as a spin off

for discussion.

Ms. Taylor talked about her struggles as a woman and single parent. The New Community Corporation women who shared their experiences with the residents were Jeanette Paige-Hawkins, Harmony House, Madge Wilson, NCC Spa and Amanda Harrow, Employment.

Refreshments were served and an interesting and informative evening was had by all.

Donation To Harmony House



Phyllis Waters and Art Bean present their fundraising check to Jeannette Page-Hawkins as June Rodriguez looks on.

Fund Raising Concepts, a fund raising and development organization established for the advocacy, promotion, and development of community related concerns and organizations, presented New Community Harmony House with a donation of \$200.00 from their 1991 Black History Month Program proceeds.

On Sunday, February 24th, Fund

Raising Concepts presented their Second Annual Black History Month Program entitled "Black History Month Together Forever Celebration." The theme of the program was to celebrate African-American male and female relationships.

Harmony House graciously accepted the donation on behalf of the women and children served.

Meet Our #1 Home Health Aide

Now, here is a person worth making a fuss over — Evelyn Bell!

New Community Corporation Home Health Care Services would like to present our Number 1 Home Health Aide of the year to you.

Evelyn has been with the agency for three years. Indeed, she has begun a tremendous asset to our agency and her patients from the very beginning. She radiates compassion, sincerity, and kindness for the population many times forgotten, "Our Elderly." This special lady exhibits persistent determination in her relentless efforts to service our clients who many times see no significant other, but "Evelyn."

It has been a pleasure to have her as one of our employees and we are very proud of what she represents. Evelyn, keep up the excellent performance! We love ya!!!



Evelyn Bell

Autumn Stages Entertain

On April 17, 1991, members of Autumn Stages, Lifestory Theatre, a touring group of older adults, performed at New Community Extended Care Facility in Newark, New Jersey. Members of the non-profit troupe shared memories of their lives — their "lifestories" — in a repertoire of narratives, mime, scenes, songs, and dances. These elder performers (up to age 83) take their show on the road one or more times a week to involve audiences at nursing homes, recreational centers, and other elder

sites throughout New Jersey, 42 weeks a year.

The show at Extended Care, as all of their shows, was a participatory one, filled with much opportunity for elders to share their memories and re-find the immeasurable changes and experiences their lives contain. And everyone, even those in wheelchairs, took part in old songs and dances.

Subsidy for this performance is provided by Essex County Division of Aging.



From Homelessness To Permanent Housing

Homelessness constitutes one of the most pressing problems in our society today. When looking at the homeless families in this community, it is only befitting to try and obtain an understanding of the crux of the problem homeless families represent.

The faces of the homeless have changed. The "skid-row men" are slowly being replaced by single mothers whose homelessness brings with it serious consequences for children. The enormity of the problem this represents has yet to be assessed.

Most families do not become homeless by choice. Homelessness involves families who are victims of poverty, many of them unemployed, poorly educated and lacking marketable skills. Due to these families' fixed incomes, an increase in the number of safe, affordable permanent housing units provided would be a paramount solution in the containment of the homelessness problem.

During the past six months, the relocation unit at Harmony House had the difficult task of securing permanent housing for its families. Housing was obtained for forty-eight (48) families. New Community Corporation itself has been able to provide permanent housing for seven (7) of these families.

Harmony House's ex-residents received continued social service support through the relocation unit's twelve (12) month follow-up service commitment.

These intensive services are viewed as essential if we are to impact on the reoccurrence of family homelessness in the future.

It is Harmony House's contention that the community at large should develop a sensitivity toward this homeless segment of our population. In doing so, we can together influence the policy-makers to create new and long-term policies that will aid in the amelioration of this social problem.

No matter what our views on the homeless, we must all champion their cause, because the homeless represent the shortcomings of our society which portends that a cornucopia of equality exists.

Let's not turn our backs to those without shelter, but recognize their plight for equality; their plight in needing decent affordable housing in safe neighborhoods.

Let's save a generation of young Americans. To ignore them is to silently accept homelessness as a fact of life...no human being should be abandoned without hope or help.

Augustine Douglas
Relocation Coordinator

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies

Harmony House Troop 325 is proud to announce the completion of their first cookie sale campaign. Our Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts worked hard to sell 224 boxes of cookies.

The following girls will be recognized by the Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex for their excellence in cookie sales; they will receive a cookie patch or button: Chantrey Griffin,

Tisa White, Heteeah Flythe, Saleema Sheffield, Quentina Green and Shartera Taylor.

Receiving a cooking campaign certificate will be Joanna Guzman.

Congratulations to all of our girls for a job well done. We are very proud of you.

Sister Juanita Hall
Youth Program Coordinator



Sr. Juanita Hall oversees the Girl Scout Cookie distribution at Harmony House.

Don't Miss Manila By Nite!

From The Editor:

As I sat writing stories and editing this month's edition of the Clarion after hours in my office at St. Joseph Plaza, the magnificent strains of a grand piano eased their way into my consciousness from the atrium.

Relaxation was immediate — and a sense of pleasure as I continued to write.

Then a superb, deep, mellow voice jugged my memory back to the 50's and a host of wonderful times.

I found it easy to edit but drawn like a magnet to these wonderful memories. Curiosity got the better of me, and I found myself applauding the next song on the balcony.

The evening was called MANILA BY NITE — and featured top Filipino entertainers (singing in English). The

clear melodic voice belonged to Tony Camacho joined smoothly at the ivories by Bernie Oades.

Unfortunately, the fact that it was a Wednesday and raining outside, kept the audience much too small considering the quality of the performers.

Since this was the premier, there is still time to enjoy a superb evening of music, and authentic Native Cuisine (\$5.00 cover charge).

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NCFCU Annual Meeting Held



Viola Walker, Larry Goldston, Linda Walker, Remington London and Parris Wilson at the NCC Credit Union annual meeting.

Since its beginning in November 1984, the New Community Federal Credit Union has been committed to providing its members with the best alternative financial services. The Credit Union now boasts approximately \$1.4 million in assets. We continue to pay competitive rates on accounts; interest rates on loans remain among the lowest in and around our area.

We aim to service the needs of our members by offering savings for Christmas and vacation, by selling money orders at a low fee, by offering direct deposit, and payroll deduction. We hope to improve our services by listening to your needs so that we can provide you with the best service possible in the future. The staff, com-

mittee members and members of the Board are always willing to answer your questions. We pledge to provide you, our members, with the best alternative financial services as we work on new ones for 1991.

We urge you to continue to be active members of your Credit Union by continuing to save as well as to borrow. Encourage others in New Community, Babyland, St. Rose, Gateway Cable and Community Foodbank to become members. Through our combined efforts we will make 1991 a banner year for New Community Federal Credit Union.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur L. Wilson
President, Board of Directors

Some Give By Participating Others Participate By Giving

"These are the times that try men's souls." Unemployment in Newark is over 9%. The city's youth drop-out rate from school is approximately 50%. The federal budgets are being slashed. The nation is in a recession and we in Newark can feel it. We at New Community can feel it too — monies from various federal, state and county agencies are disappearing; the needs for our service are increasing (tangibly this can be measured by the full occupancy of the Extended Care Facility, full occupancy of Harmony House, and increased numbers of people coming through the Employment Center).

If we are to meet the needs of the people in our community we must find alternate funding. This is where the Office of Fund Development enters the scene. There is much fundraising that goes on already within the network and must continue. But this is not meeting our needs. We

must go out and involve others in our mission.

New Community, in conjunction with Babyland, St. Rose Elementary School, the Shopping Center, and the various other components is truly an incredible endeavor. It's a story that has to be told. It's a story that many would love to hear. It is the role of the Office of Fund Development to tell this story — to corporations — to foundations — to individuals. The only way for members of New Community to empower those around us and give dignity to their lives is with the help of many people.

As noted elsewhere, we have many within our network who perform community service. There are others, though, who are interested in helping financially. This must be developed. No doubt it will be a long process, but NCC did not get to where it is now overnight. It all began 23 years ago in the minds of a band of dedicated individuals...

Resident Council for Extended Care Facility

Blessed Sunshine, Eura Noel, Bessie Buffalo, Mildred Logan, Erma McLuikin, Mattie Green, Elizabeth Wilson, Sarah Burke and John Hawkins are members of the Resident Council at Extended Care Facility.

These residents meet on a monthly basis to consider programs and ac-

This allows the residents freedom in making decisions such as menu selection, input on the type of recreational, social activities provided and more.

We at Extended Care feel the Resident Council is an effective tool of communication between administra-



Members of the Extended Care Facility Resident Council pose proudly.

tivities, to exercise their rights, interest and share common concerns for the betterment of living at this facility, and at times discuss policies of the agency which affect their well being.

tion and resident, and it allows the residents to have a voice in their destiny.

Denise Baker
Director of Activities

Volunteers Appreciated

On Wednesday, April 24, 1991, New Community Extended Care Facility honored all volunteers in appreciation of their past years' efforts which added some joy both to the facility and most of all the residents' lives. Once again we say "Thank You."

If anyone would be interested in volunteering please contact Ms. Denise Baker, Director of Activities, New Community Extended Care Facility, 246 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103 or call (201) 624-2020 for any additional information.

World Of Foods Night Manager

Dorothy Denise Brackett, the new night manager of the World of Foods, is a local woman who was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, but grew up

in Newark.

She attended Essex County College, Beth-Israel Nursing School and a business school in her quest to further a successful business career.



Dorothy Denise Brackett

Dorothy enjoys working in a fast-paced environment and accepting challenges. She is a single parent — mother of two.

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COUPON

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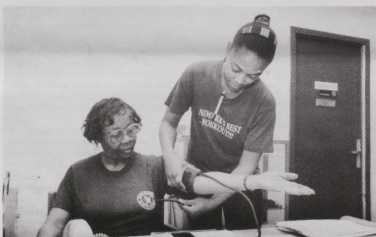
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What better way one can nurture the body and soul than by exercising at the New Beginnings Spa; it must become a part of your lifestyle. Our Senior Fitness Program is highly recommended to all seniors, so rise up out of the bed and spring forward.

Exercise and Weight Loss can do so many life saving and life improving things for seniors. Our program is designed with the help of your doctor.

ed the New Beginnings Spa when it first opened because his doctor advised it since he was just recuperating from a lung operation. He has been exercising on a regular basis and his breathing is almost 100 percent better. He also experienced arthritis in the leg and knee area.

Thanks to the exercise equipment and whirlpool, he feels good. Being in the program has kept his blood



A blood pressure check before and after exercising is an integral part of the Senior Fitness Program.

The reason your doctor will assist us is to make sure you and our staff know your personal physical limitations.

The benefits of exercise programs are too many to name. The most common reasons the seniors join us is because exercise improves the cardiovascular system, lowers the cholesterol level, assists in lowering blood pressure, in some cases reduces the pain of arthritis and (most

pressure stable, and his weight down. "A big THANKS to New Beginnings Spa for saving my life."

Rachel Jones, Manor Drive, Newark, also joined the Spa when it first opened and has been coming since that time. She said that she had just retired and was wondering what to do with her time; certainly she wanted a long life after retirement.

When her beautician told her about



Futrell Owens "rows" his way to good health at the New Beginnings Spa.

popular) burns the body fat.

Our senior workout program includes blood pressure reading before, during and after workout. The low impact aerobic class is a group of in place exercises such as high steps, knee-ups, marches in place and other aerobic moves. The second half of class consists of group calisthenics to tone and firm body parts (basic calisthenics exercises such as leg lifts, abdominal crunches and waist exercises). Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. After the hard workout and sweat, you can have fun, relax and enjoy our whirlpool and sauna area. This is definitely the most popular aspect of our health spa, so please feel free to come and be a part of NEWARK'S BEST WORKOUT!!! NEW BEGINNINGS SPA!!!

Some of our seniors have the following to say:

Futrell Owens, New Community Douglas Homes, states that he join-

ed the Spa, she immediately joined. She had been experiencing lower back pain and border line diabetes, but no other problems. "I feel that my stable health is due to regular exercising, which has warded off the other ailments that one usually gets at my age."

Minnie Ross, James C. White Senior Building, Newark just joined the Spa three weeks ago. She had been looking for a health spa near by. She states that she was reading the Metro T.V. Times and saw the ad for New Beginnings Spa and immediately acted on it.

After Ms. Ross retired, sitting around doing nothing, she gained weight and decided that it was time to do something about it. During the short period of time that she has been coming to the Spa, she feels 100 percent better.

She says that the ad was correct, "I can't measure any loss in weight in a short period, but I certainly have a

Reflections:

Jump Over The Fence And Achieve

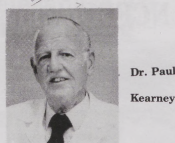
John F. Kennedy made a remark some years ago that "life itself is generally unfair." He said this because some reservist was unhappy when his company was called up to serve in the Vietnam War, and other outfits were not. Such was the incident of the young man from Newark, a graduate of Barringer High who joined the army so that he could have money to go to Medical School and unfortunately was killed in the line of duty in the Gulf War.

At the time of the Berlin Crisis, immediately after World War II ended, I was asked to go to Iceland to run the hospital there. A young dentist came up to work as the salary was good, and it offered him a chance to get enough money to start an office in New York after a year's work. His background was that he had gotten his college and dental school paid for because he had joined the Reserve. His first assignment was the Naval Base in Rhode Island. After two months he resigned his commission (since the war was over) and came to Iceland. After one year he went to New York City because he had enough money to begin his dental practice. The only thing he didn't know was that there was going to be a Korean War.

He spent the next two years in a remote spot overseas, and I guess, wondered why he hadn't completed his original tour of duty.

Another interesting case was of a young woman doctor in the Reserve who had the government pay for her education. She was so annoyed that she was being called up for duty at the time of the beginning of the Gulf War that she stated that she abhorred wars and decided to refuse to serve. She may have made a big mistake. The government does not take this lightly as she did sign to serve.

I have constantly stressed to all young men and women in Newark the excellence of the Service.



Dr. Paul

Kearney

Although the risks are there, the Armed Forces is one of the ways to get money for college. At a time when many minds are being wasted, this is surely one way to "jump over the fence and achieve."

The recent story of the young man who spent two hours of free time daily in the Gulf War battling stones with an axe handle came to the attention of the Press and eventually merited a training chance with Tommy Lasorda of the Los Angeles Dodgers. This young man was an orphan, spent time in many foster homes and finally was adopted. His parents were overjoyed with his chance for achievement and so were the rest of the people who read the report or caught it on television.

Motivation, interest, and help from parents and teachers is essential in the rearing of children. I am impressed that the Newark school system has adopted remedial courses in Mathematics because of the high rate of failure in aptitude tests. Right now, Barringer, St. Benedict's in Newark and St. Patrick's in Elizabeth, have their students geared to achieve.

Lastly, I have been most impressed with Harmony House. The social workers have done yeoman service. I see renewed interest in what is offered to these former homeless parents. There is happiness—the living conditions could not be better. The Day Care under Sister Regina is another facet of love and caring, and the children happily reflect it.

Harmony House has set the pace to help start these young parents on a better course and a continued training of their young children.

Newark has achieved much of what is needed in Newark.

Paul Kearney, M.D.

New Beginnings Running Club

New Beginnings Spa's Running Club has carried on their tradition of health and fitness by competing in Newark's Cherry Blossom Run. The run of 6.2 miles is held every year at Branch Brook Park.

The runners are some of our most consistent members. Chester Jones, Carol Washington, Celeste Wright, Leslie Miles, John Dorvis, Keith

strut in my walk, because my body feels brand new."

Eloise Anderson, So. 20th Street, Newark, heard about the Spa through her friend Minnie Ross. She had a secret and couldn't keep it to herself. "She told me about the Spa and I too was very much impressed and immediately joined. I have high blood pressure and an overweight problem. During the short time that I've been exercising, my blood pressure reading is stable. I haven't lost weight yet, but I know that I'm going to. I sincerely appreciate the Spa because it has saved my life, I feel. I look forward to Monday, Wednesday and Friday when it's time to exercise."

The hours of operation for the New Beginnings Spa are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ursula Berry

Royster and Reginald Wingo are all fitness enthusiasts at New Beginnings Spa.

To show the way a New Beginnings workout can improve your fitness level we look at two new people to the sport of running, Leslie and John in the last two weeks before the 6.2 mile run began practice with two mile runs. Aerobics played a big part in their training as they participated in as many classes as possible to build cardiovascular endurance (to use the heart and blood vessels properly over a period of time) before the big race. For a person to increase from 2 miles to 6.2 in a matter of weeks is quite a feat!!!

Carol Washington, Celeste, Chester Jones, Keith and Reginald are some of our most experienced members in health and fitness. Chester and Carol would probably be better defined as Aerobic Class Clowns. All five pushed our beginners to higher fitness levels while increasing their own fitness program. We at New Beginnings would like to thank them for representing our facility and being such positive members.

In the Cherry Blossom Run on April 14th, they represented Newark's Best Workout — New Beginnings Spa very well.

Ed Scott

Babyland Caregiver-Graduates

In a ceremony conducted at Essex County College on April 30th, fifteen caregivers from Babyland Nursery, Inc., Newark, received their certificates as Group Teachers, eligible to work at that level in any New Jersey-licensed day care center for children aged 0-6 years.

Dean Wilfredo Nieves, Dean of Liberal Arts, awarded the certificates. The women earned the required 15 college credits in Child Development, in addition to their years of experience in child care.

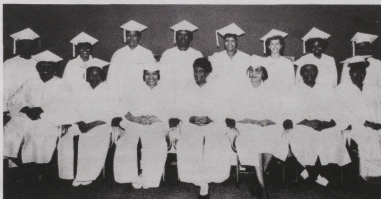
Included in the ceremony were Professor Mamie Bridgeforth, Chairperson of the Social Science Division at Essex, two of the students' former instructors — Mrs. Corey D'Sylva and David Stevens, Ms. Margarita Roig,

in charge of Early Childhood Education at Essex, Mrs. Mary Smith, founder and executive director of Babyland and Monsignor William B. Linder, of New Community Corporation of which Babyland is a network component.

Realizing that these caregivers attended their college courses for two years at night, and that they have committed themselves to climb higher on the career-ladder of child care, we applaud their success, and appreciate the model they provide to their co-workers.

Congratulations, and future success, Group Teachers!

Sr. Mary Sheridan
Babyland Curriculum Specialist



Thanks to the dedication of our caregiver-graduates, children will receive the best day care possible.

Hill Street Gospel

On Thursday, April 18, 1991 at the Gospel Hour at 15 Hill Street, Ellen Super spoke about the light: 1 Chapter John.

Elder McNeal gave a beautiful

devotion of song and praise. The spirit of God is moving in the tenants of 15 Hill Street. Thanks be to God.

Ruby Marshall

An Honest Mistake - Thank Goodness!

It was a dismal, rainy Saturday morning on March 23rd, and her mind was in many places at once — "Did I remember everything?"... "Will my nephew be here to pick me up?"... "I really don't feel very well." Mrs. Hazel Paige, a senior, handicapped resident of New Community Gardens Family had all these thoughts milling around her head while she was shopping at the New

called the managers office at Pathmark and was told, "Yes, indeed, your change of \$13.00 is waiting for you at the Courtesy Counter."

Later that afternoon, Mrs. Paige returned to Pathmark where she was given her change and the receipt which had been left behind but thoughtfully and promptly turned in to the courtesy desk.

Ms. Hamilton is truly an outstand-



Natonni Hamilton - "cashier extraordinaire."

Community Pathmark Shopping Center on Bergen Street in Newark.

She had gone into Pathmark to pick up just a few items and, after making her selection, went to the checkout counter of Ms. Natonni Hamilton. The bill came to \$7.00 and Mrs. Paige handed Natonni a \$20.00 bill and left the store. It was not until Mrs. Paige returned home that she realized her costly state of affairs. She quickly

ing young adult. In a time when there are so many uncommoded, selfish and dishonest people it is encouraging to see that there are still people who care, are honest and believe in "doing the right thing!"

Thank you to Natonni Hamilton for walking in the right path at the New Community Pathmark.

Joyce Cook
Social Services



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Sort It Out - Set It Out



The importance of recycling is stressed at a Douglass-Harrison maintenance staff meeting.

April 15 — Recycling begins at Douglass-Harrison. Preparations started the beginning of April with two meetings held for all the tenants and other meetings with the maintenance staff. Recycling has been a part of many households for awhile, but the City of Newark has now targeted large housing complexes for participation in the program.

The Recycling Program begins during the same month we celebrate "Earth Day," a day to reflect on our Mother Earth, her beauty, her resources, the abundance of all that

is life-giving for us. It causes us to pause and reflect on how we care for the resources she provides. We know that unless we care for the environment we will destroy present and future resources. Recycling seems a small price to pay for working towards a cleaner environment and conserving our land.

Trying to implement the Recycling Program in a large complex such as Douglass-Harrison will be a challenge, but everyone seems up to it.

Sr. Yvette Arnold

Amazing Woman!

"Mrs. Lamie Droughan, I have never known anyone like you...some of your teeth will have to be pulled." Amazed, the dentist checked the patient's age twice: 90 years old and still with a mouth full of teeth! Although the dentist might have been amazed, the residents at Douglass-Harrison have experienced more than the amazement of "teeth" in the charm, wit and vitality of Lamie Droughan.

Moving into Douglass-Harrison in 1941, Mrs. Droughan has remained an integral member of Queen of

Angels Church. She was there even when Monsignor William Linder was a dark-haired young priest! She is a hard worker, a good neighbor and a concerned citizen. She recalls with fondness her years at a variety of jobs, especially the years as "champion" to children and her active 40 years service to the Guyton-Callahan Unit 52 of the American Legion Auxiliary.

We salute this beautiful, proud woman and her faith and ageless contributions to family and church and community and wish her well as she enters her 91st year.

Sister Helene



Mrs. Lamie Droughan, seated center, is surrounded by well wishers at a birthday party held in her honor.

In Your Easter Bonnet

On March 28th the children and staff of Babyland II enjoyed a fun filled day, while preparing for the Easter Holiday by making Easter bonnets and bow ties. We also had an egg

hunt. Fun was had by all who participated.

Carol Leadbetter
Head Teacher



Don't we all look spiffy in our Easter bonnets!

AREA UNITED WAY OFFERS FREE SUMMER RECREATION DIRECTORY

NEWARK—United Way of Essex and West Hudson has announced the availability of its 1991 Summer Recreation Directory, free of charge, to area residents.

According to Rhonda Daniels, Director of Community Resources, "The free directory is compiled annually as a community service for parents, schools and social service agencies. It includes a listing of summer camps and recreation programs available to both children and adults in the Essex and West Hudson area."

Free copies of the directory are available from the United Way of Essex and West Hudson main office at 303-9 Washington Street, Newark (201-624-6300). Other locations where the directory will be available include United Way's Nutley office at 169 Chestnut Street, Nutley (201-461-2766), and the Orange office located at 439 Main Street, Orange (201-675-5500). The directory is also available through the mail by sending a \$1 check or money order towards postage and handling (no stamps please) to the United Way of Essex and West Hudson, 303-9 Washington Street, Newark 07102.

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Security Corner

Officer Of The Month

Security Officer George Suggs has been selected Security Officer of the Month, for May, 1991.

In December of last year, the Security Department, due to the impending maternity leave of Ms. Gwendolyn Grier, Secretary/Staff Assistant, found itself needing to fill the soon to be vacated position.

In reviewing the many applications submitted by present security officers, Officer Suggs' office skills and experience stood out. First employed as a foot patrol officer, Suggs good naturedly agreed to fill the vital Secretary/Staff Assistant position until the return of Ms. Grier in April. Officer Suggs, with very little time to adjust to his new position, did an outstanding job in an area that required payroll computation skills, as well as typing skills and other administrative office functions. In addition, George has maintained an excellent attendance record.

He is one who always goes about his job, no matter how stressful, with a pleasant disposition, and is often referred to as a gentlemen's gentleman by his fellow officers.

A native Newarker, he attended the Newark Public School system. After graduating from Arts High School, he worked his way up the ladder from



Security Officer George Suggs accepts his Officer of the Month plaque from Director DuBose as Gwendolyn Grier looks on.

stock-clerk to warehouse and sales manager for the Consumer Distributing Company in Kearny and South Orange, New Jersey. It was in holding both supervisory positions he learned payroll skills and other related functions.

S/O Suggs joined NCC Security on the recommendation of a relative who was a former employee of the corpora-

tion. He has now returned to patrol duty.

The office staff and other members of the Security Department take this opportunity to thank Officer Suggs for his yeoman's performance.

Officer Suggs was presented a plaque by the NCC Security Department, in recognition of his achievements.

Security To Celebrate 7th Awards Dinner

The New Community Security Department will celebrate its Seventh Annual awards ceremony honoring NCC Security Officers in the Community room of the Extended Care Facility, 266 South Orange Avenue, on Tuesday, May 14, 1991 at 2:00 p.m.

More than twenty five Security Of-ficers will be honored in the following categories: the Medal of Honor, Meritorious Service, Honorable Service, Security Officer of the Year and Director's Award.

Brigadier General Nathaniel James of the New York National Guard will be the guest speaker.

Invitations have been extended to various leaders of the law enforcement community, members of the community at-large, as well as family members and friends of the honorees.



In-Service Training Prepares Security For Role With Public

In-Service Training sessions were held for all members of NCC Security on March 26, 27 and on April 3, 1991, at the NCC Common Pavillion, 296 Morris Avenue.

The sessions were held twice daily to enable all Security Personnel to attend without causing a disruption to the delivery of services to the Cor-

poration and its residents.

Introduced for the first time was a course in "How to Deliver a Baby," that was added to the curriculum as a result of the recent experience of two of NCC's finest, in assisting a resident who was giving birth.

Other subjects consisted of training in a variety of areas, i.e., Patrol,

Report Writing, Court Room Behavior and Testimony, Self Defense, Community Relations, etc.

Another dimension was added to the training agenda with the participation of Dianne Lampley, Director of Management, and Dorletha Cross, manager of NCC Commons Senior, both of whom spoke on revisions of policy and procedures regard-

ing the senior residential buildings and their superintendents' responsibilities.

Instructors for the quarterly In-Service Training program were: Security Director James E. DuBose, Assistant Director of Security, Errol Adams, and Sergeant Andrew Perry, of the Harmony House Security Department.

Black History Notes

Researched By James E. DuBose

African-American First Kentucky Derby Winner

From the first running of the Kentucky Derby in 1875 until 1911, Black jockeys were featured performers in the gala pageantry, which was part of the Churchill Downs Classic. There were eleven Black jockeys who had won a total of fifteen Kentucky Derbies in the history of the event.

The race was every bit as glamorous and thrilling then as it is now. The stable scene was dominated not only by Black jockeys, but by Black trainers, exercise riders, grooms and stable boys. It is written that without their participation and contributions, the magical atmosphere and suspense of competition would never have developed, because they were more preoccupied with the attraction of the sport than with the money to be earned.

Two Black jockeys who towered over their contemporaries were Isaac Murphy and Jimmy Winkfield. Except for Murphy (three time winner) and Winkfield (two time winner) of the Derby Classic, few of the early Black jockeys who once dominated the riding end of the sport, are known to the public. One reason for this is that jockeys were not generally identified in the programs in the early days. Another, is that as the sport transformed into big business with staggering lucrative purses for owners, and high annual incomes for jockeys, Blacks were gradually phas-

ed into more menial aspects of turf life, therefore their long and distinguished association with the sport was undercut.

Winkfield, a native Kentuckian, eventually left the United States to ride in Europe, where he won such prominent races as the Polish Derby, the Grand Prix de Baden, the Emperor's Purse, the Moscow Derby and the Russian Revolution. He was reportedly earning one hundred thousand dollars a year.

Winfield was not the first Black to win the Kentucky Derby. The first running of the Derby was in 1875, and the first winning jockey was a Black named Oliver Lewis. In that historic year, fourteen of the fifteen starters were ridden by Black jockeys.

In recent years, the best known Black jockey was Bob McCurdy, a native of Atlantic City, New Jersey. McCurdy posted over one hundred victories in 1963. He also won the jockey championship at the Garden State Park meet with twenty-seven wins. He was the first Black man to ride in Tropical Park, Florida.

In 1967, the New York Times featured an article which stated, "In recent years, Negro jockeys could be counted on the fingers of one hand." This seems a strange paradox for a race which originally dominated the "Sport of Kings," in the last century.



Security Director James DuBose and Michael Whitley demonstrate self-defense tactics at the quarterly in-service training program.

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Spring Recess Fun

Once again spring is here and so was Spring Recess for the Newark Public School System. A great week was planned for the youngsters of New Community Youth Services.

Monday's trip was scheduled for some miniature golf at Bow Craft. This was cancelled due to the rain. Tuesday turned out to be a beautiful

Fish Market area. New York is neat!

On Wednesday, another rainy day, a small group of youngsters traveled to Jersey City's Newport Centre Mall to see "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: Secret of the Ooze."

By Thursday the rain was gone but the clouds and chill were still present. The youngsters from Youth Services



The New Community Youth Services children thoroughly enjoyed their outing at the South Street Seaport.

day, not too hot or too cold, but just right, so youngsters from Youth Services and Harmony House boarded the NCC bus for South Street Seaport.

After some time of walking around and looking, the group ascended to the highest level on the pier to enjoy lunch. As all ate, we watched the many boats approach and depart from the pier. On our way back to the bus, we investigated the Fulton Street

and Harmony House once again boarded the bus — destination, the Bronx Zoo.

We spent three hours at the zoo watching the many fascinating animals. Before long it was time to return to our trusty bus for the ride home. Most everyone fell asleep, with the exception of Sister Connie, who was driving.

It was a good day!!



Youngsters from the Afterschool Program and Harmony House pause for a photo during their fun-filled day at the Bronx Zoo.

NCC Basketball

This year the NCC basketball team had a very good season. The team was registered in the CYO Quest Basketball League among 8-10 other teams that were involved. The NCC team finished in third place.

At the CYO Quest banquet on April 20th, one of our young men was presented with an award for the most points scored in this year's league season. The award was given to Doug Evans. We had two other young men that stood out in our eyes. They are James Tilery and Clarence Smith. These three young men were part of the All Star Team.

I would like to thank all these young men who played a good game each time we hit the floor.

Jim Walters
Athletic Director

Early Trades Museum

On April 25th, the youngsters involved in NCC After School Program had an early dismissal from school once again. For this trip we took them to the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts in Madison, New Jersey. The youngsters learned about the life and work of earlier settlers in New Jersey. There they were able to see an early American general store, kitchen, cobbler shop and school room. The various exhibits depicted the lifestyle of the people at that time.

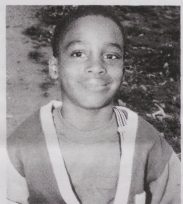
Some of the trades and crafts seen were that of a cabinetmaker, carpenter, clock and watch repairer, cooper, doctor, eyeglass maker, herbs for medicine — plus 33 others on exhibit. It was a great way to learn about history, especially that of the state of New Jersey.

Sister Connie

Students Of The Month



Jessica Johnson



Antwaine Burley

Students of the Month for April are both first graders. They are Antwaine Burley and Jessica Johnson.

Antwaine attends Quitman Street School. He is six years old and would like to be a teacher when he grows up. Antwaine has improved in the area of Math. It is writing sentences that

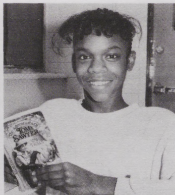
he enjoys the most though.

Jessica attends Newton Street School. She is also six years old. She has improved in Reading and Math. Her favorite subject is reading. Jessica would like to be a teacher when she grows up.

Local RIF Winner

Following our In Celebration of Reading in January and February, youngsters from NCC's After School Programs returned their reading celebration form to be entered in the Local RIF Winner contest. The winner for 1991 is Janelle Joseph.

Her name has been submitted to the national office in Washington, D.C. Good luck in the national RIF contest, Janelle!!



Janelle Joseph

Ellis Island History Tour

Early dismissal from school can be fun. On March 21st, the youngsters in our After School Program that attend Newark Schools were dismissed at one sharp. As soon as everyone gathered on the bus, we were on our way to Ellis Island via the ferry from Liberty State Park.

Sister Connie almost missed the boat because she had to park the bus. Luckily they waited for her.

Upon arriving at Ellis Island we entered one of the auditoriums to watch a movie on its history which was very informative. Time was then spent walking around looking at the various pictures and items that belonged to some immigrants.

Before long it was time to board the ferry again. A stop was made to pick up other passengers at the Statue of Liberty before returning to Liberty State Park. All eyes were on Miss Liberty as we passed by her.

Careers

Ms. Rochelle Moore from the law firm of Shapiro and Berardi visited the Teen Lounge of New Community Youth Services to speak on careers. Her main focus was on struggling to become what she always wanted to be — a paralegal secretary.

Ms. Moore also talked about how we can strive to get what we want.



Ms. Rochelle Moore

She said that we can become anything we want as long as we are willing to try HARD and not let anything get in our way. She gave, as an example, beginning with a summer job and working your way up. If you do good work, your boss will want to keep you on.

She encouraged each of us to always do our best which will lead to our success.

Angelica Nieves
NCC Teenager

It was a fun and historical afternoon outing.



Learning is fun!

NCC Families Second Quarterly Meeting

There is a good chemistry happening between the family residents at New Community and the Management Department.

The basic ingredients to the formula are: listening, observing, inputting information, stirring up basic interests, stimulating thoughts and developing a basis for strong output.

On April 11th, the second quarterly meeting between families and management was held at Commons Pavilion, 298 Morris Avenue. It was attended with a full house, showing representation from all four family complexes. The thrust of the meetings are to provide information about

At the Alternative School the enrollment is not overwhelming; the ratio of students to teachers/counselors is almost 1 to 8. This allows a special bond of familyhood to form, thus increasing the desire to learn and become mentally productive. Upon completion of 4 years, a formal high school diploma will have been earned.

Project Opportunity is a program in the school which allows the students a vehicle to express their energies as stage talents. Ms. Mitchell has successfully written and directed 2 dramatic productions since 1989, and is in the midst of a third — "Not Just



Many educational, recreational and social programs were discussed at the 2nd quarterly Families meeting.

health, youth, social doings, legal services, and programs which will help one to become alert to things which can affect the life style in a positive way. At this meeting there were guests invited to discuss the content and qualifications required for various educational and recreational summer programs.

Following is a listing of the presenters and the programs they represent:

1. **Mr. Leroy Wilson, Director of the Upward Bound Program at Seton Hall University.** This is an excellent accelerated program for 7, 8 & 9th grade students which incorporates high school with integrated College preparatory courses, and a chance to earn 12 free credits towards a college diploma. Three meals are served. High school guidance counselors have information on getting into the program or call Seton Hall.

2. **Mr. Clinton Dozier, Director of the Project College Programs at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey,** discussed how we should start educating our children now to strive for higher goals.

He stressed that the prospect of going to school for 12 years in order to get a degree in medicine was too distressing for many of our youths. An alternative would be to pursue one of the other many health related fields, i.e., radiology, dental assistant, etc. The program at UMDNJ is four years and is targeted at 8th & 9th grade students. It offers an 8 week summer academic curriculum and two periods of the fine arts. Two meals are served. For more information call UMDNJ.

3. **Ms. Debra Mitchell, the Director of Project Opportunities at the West Kinney Alternative School,** explained about the uniqueness of the Alternative School. It is comprised of those students who have been deemed incorrigible for regular classroom learning.

Any Love," which is soon to be performed by the students and faculty. Performance Date is May 10th at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Newark Symphony Hall. For more information about this call 733-7018 or 372-2336.

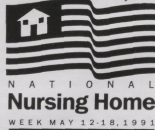
4. **Mr. Donald Godwin, Director of the NCC Youth Services,** discussed the upcoming summer youth program which will run from July 1st to August 23rd. It will offer eight full weeks of education, fun and outings, with weekly trips outside of the Newark area. Registration fee is only \$5.00 per week or \$40.00 for the full session (includes two meals daily, trips, etc.). Registration will begin May 1st and space is limited to the first 100 youths. Families with more than one child are placed on a fee scale. For more information contact Youth Services at 623-6951.

5. **Ms. Amanda Harrow, Youth Counselor at the NCC Employment Center, 15 Hill Street.** Ms. Harrow emphasized a very good point, "Don't force your child out to 'earn a living' too soon." There are many educational programs during the summer months which allow youth to receive pay for learning. In the long run these programs will be more beneficial for our youths and equip them with the needed skills to be ready for work force 2000.

The Employment Center specializes in counseling youth. Information about it can be obtained by calling 733-4390.

For more information on any of the above, call NC Social Services at 623-6114 or the numbers listed.

Joyce Cook



May Calendar Of Events

May 4—Annual Spring Festival - Roselle Catholic H.S., 7-12 midnight, \$20.00 (transportation available).

May 5—St. Rose of Lima, 10:30 mass celebrates Final Vows of Sister Juanita Hall.

May 6—Free Eye Screening, 10:00 a.m., 15 Hill Street, NC Douglas Homes.

May 8 & 9—Newark City-Wide Senior Chorus at St. Joseph Plaza, 12:1 p.m. in Atrium.

May 10—Free Eye Screening, 10:00 a.m., 180 South Orange Ave., NC Associates.

May 10—Newark Symphony Hall, "Not Just Any Love." Performance at 8:00 p.m.

May 11—Mother's Day Dinner/Dance Latino/American, 4:7 p.m. Extended Care Facility.

May 12—Happy Mother's Day, May 13—Deep Sea Fishing Trip, 5:00 a.m.

May 14—Newark Advisory Council Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

May 16—South Mountain Arena Circus, 10:00 a.m.

May 19—St. Rose of Lima Church Celebrates 1st Communion at 10:30 mass.

May 20—Brown Bag Day.

May 21—Essex Green Cinema Trip,

10:00 a.m.

May 22—Trip to Channel 41 - Buenas Dias/Media Dia 5 p.m.

May 23—Seniors Cultural Craft Fair, South Mountain Arena, 8:30 a.m.

May 24—Pier Fishing - Keansburg, 6:00 a.m.

May 24—Free Eye Screening at 15 Hill Street, 10:00 a.m.

May 27—Memorial Day Holiday - Social Service Closed.

May 28—Eye Screening at 545 Orange St., NC Manor, 10 a.m.

*Every Tuesday Ceramics 1-3 p.m. at NC Manor Senior.

*Every Thursday Ceramics 1-3 p.m. at NC Associates.

*June 19th—Bingo Luncheon Cruise on the Spirit of New Jersey

*May 9th—Gardens Family Tenant /Manager Meeting at 220 Bruce St., 6:00 p.m.

*All Families Exercise Session: Every Tuesday and Thursday, 4 p.m. at 72 Hayes Street.

For more information on ticket information, times, costs or reservations for any of listed events, please contact: Joyce Cook, Program Coordinator, New Community Social Services, 220 Bruce St., (201) 623-6114.

Welcome To Douglass-Harrison!

Since March, the management and social service staff of NC Douglass-Harrison have been looking at ways to develop an orientation program for new tenants. Since Douglass-Harrison is such a large complex, there are always new tenants moving in.

On April 2, the first New Tenant Orientation Meeting was held. Cecelia Thomas, manager, welcomed the group, saying, "We want you to feel at home here." The meeting, also attended by Mike Iferika, assistant manager, and Sisters Yvette, Helene, and Elizabeth from Social Service, was intended to provide an opportunity for everyone to become acquainted. The goals of Douglass-Harrison were

shared: to build and foster a community spirit.

Group meetings surface ways in which each person can provide for an improved living environment, i.e., offering to do errands for a senior who cannot get out to the store, volunteering to help with a children's activities program, or being attentive to and respectful of other tenants, so they are very helpful to our tenants.

Providing an atmosphere where people feel they belong and can contribute, is important in fostering the development of a neighborhood. The New Tenant Orientation Meetings are a step in that direction.

Sr. Yvette Arnold



The Douglass-Harrison staff and new tenants gather to discuss common goals and expectations.

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Parents Play An Important Role In The Education Of A Child

"Train up a child in the way He should go: and when He is old, He will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

There are two kinds of education — one teaches us how to make a living, and the other teaches us how to live. Parents play an important role in the latter.

Parents are, or should be, teachers of their children; and since children imitate their parents, great care should be taken to give them correct role models and present before them the children the example they wish to be imitated. If parents are honest and moral, their children will be quite likely to resemble them in these attributes. Parents, in the education of their children, are teachers in a "continuation school," and the lessons which they teach their children must be practiced by themselves. One of these lessons is discipline.

One object of discipline is the education and training of the child for self government. Parents must teach obedience to be just and reasonable — that all things are under law, and that disobedience leads in the end, to suffering and unhappiness.

It is the duty of parents to restrain, guide, and control their children, for to permit their children to gratify their every wish and leave them to follow their own inclinations is to give them the impression that they can live to please and amuse themselves, to choose their own ways, and indulge in their own pleasures and companions.

Children and youth need parents who will educate them, discipline them, correct their wrong habits and

inclinations, and discourage their evil tendencies. They need to be taught to respect experienced judgement; and see the propriety of heeding their counsel.

Some children have come into the world burdened with a heritage of evil, the direct result of the sins of their parents, and there is a need to have developed and strengthened their moral and intellectual faculties. Their evil tendencies need to be carefully restrained and tenderly rebuked, and their minds need to be stimulated in favor of that which is morally right.

There has been altogether too little attention given to children and youth about the love and significance of God; thus, children and youth have failed to develop as they should in Christian life. In childhood, the mind is readily impressed and molded, and it is then that parents should teach children to love, honor, and observe their Father, God. The Bible is a guide in the management, education, and training of children. Ecclesiastes 12:1 counsels youth, "remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," while, Proverbs 8:17 assures, "those that seek me early shall find Me," and that as parents are responsible to parents inclusively, Mark 10:4 directs, "suffer little children to come unto Me." Train these children for Me.

You, parents, play an important role in the education of your children — a role that should not be delegated to others.

Lewis Graves
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Living The Passion More Deeply

Palm Sunday introduces the most valuable week of the Christian Church year — Holy Week. At St. Rose of Lima Church, the gospel according to Mark was brought to reality on this day for all those who were there. Under the direction of Mrs. Emily Ross, the eighth grade students of St. Rose School reenacted the passion and death of Jesus. The choir provided the narrators, songs and minor characters of the drama. They also portrayed the role of the crowd. It was done beautifully — a perfect way to start Holy Week.

The experience itself was a personal moving event for the congregation. Mr. Woodson, the eighth grade teacher, and I, along with other teachers in the school, were interested in getting responses from the eighth grade students concerning the experience.

"The thing that I mainly got out of the passion play was how God died for us," Deborah Bell revealed. "Even though I already knew that he died on the cross for my sins, it was very touching to see my classmates and my other peers act out the scenes of the passion play. My friend Corwin Mitchell did a very good job playing the role of Jesus."

Corwin was pleased to have the opportunity for his important role. "I think the passion play was very exciting for me because I got to see the exciting part. I played the part of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was the Son of God. All Jesus wanted was His word to be passed throughout the world."

For Henry Watson, "The passion play helps us understand what Easter means and what Easter stands for. The passion play is a good play to be in and to go see with your family and friends."

"The class did a nice job," said

Naomi Jones, "and there were no mistakes. The choir was spectacular; their singing brought the play alive."

Eugene Atkinson was impressed too. "The passion play was very good," he told us. Everyone did their parts loudly and clearly. The choir sang their songs very well. We were all amazed at how the play came out so well and at how they hung Jesus on the cross. The passion play is mostly about the crucifixion of Jesus. Everyone was nervous that they would forget their speaking parts, but everyone overcame their problems and remembered them well. The best part to me was when Jesus (played by Corwin) was on the cross. The narrators did a very good job," he concluded.

Jesus' suffering came through to Latifah King. "The passion was about how Jesus was crucified and all that he went through," she said seriously. "The play was very educational for the simple reason that it told about all the suffering that Jesus endured."

My review of the passion play would be that it was nice, and well organized," said Kevin Barnes. "It seemed like everyone remembered their part. What really amazed me was how they got Jesus on the cross. It was almost perfect. The only thing that was not right when he was on the cross was the cross kept shaking."

Some performers became critics too. "I played a soldier in the play," Ernest Walker responded, "but I didn't like the costume I had to wear. My performance in the play was so good people outside of the church wanted my autograph. The disciples played a good part in the play. They walked with Jesus. The narrators were good and explained the parts very well. Everybody tried their best and it turned out well. I really think

God Delights In Mothers

God delights in mothers, because they are so like Him — life-giving, tender-hearted, nurturing, confident that all the wonder within their children will shine out to the world. He tells us His faithfulness is a mother's faithfulness: "Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you. See, I have branded you on the palms of My hands" (Isaiah 49:15-16).

What is your favorite mother-story? Mine is being two years old and daily walking to the store with my mother. She would suddenly surprise



me with a quick hug around my neck which brought me against her thigh as she would say, "I love ya, I'm crazy aboutcha." Her playfulness made me say, "Do it again," which she would do. She was very much like God with her children — a mother in love with each child. The joy was that she didn't change her mind an hour later; even though she taught us well it was always with gentleness. Our food, clothes, toys were simple; we used public transportation, and had no telephone or TV, yet we never craved more than we had — because that vital need of childhood, to be loved, was so well met. It was a very easy step, about the age of 7, to believe in a God who could love totally and never change His mind.

Hopefully, many mothers and children have bonded in this way, so that a child would not let down his parents. In some cases, it is true, social customs are so much at odds with what parents have taught that the children are torn away from the love of the home. Nothing hurts so much as knowing your child has re-

this was the best passion play that has ever been done. On the negative side he told us, "When the play was over, I was glad I was able to get out of that terrible and very bad costume."

According to Frances Shepard, "The singing of the songs was wonderful. I like the way the songs blend in with the acting. They brought out the gracefulness of the play."

Even though there were some minor mistakes, the play was excellent. I think many people enjoyed themselves," she went on. "The best part I like is being able to tell someone we did something together and enjoyed doing it. This Palm Sunday, I will never forget."

Tashia Chambers was pleasantly surprised by the drama. "It was nice they had the play about Jesus' death," she said thoughtfully. "The songs to the play fit the play. Everybody was nervous but that's OK. I thought the play wasn't going to turn out well because everyone was playing at rehearsal but it did turn out good after all," she finished.

"It (the play) taught most of the young ones there about the things that happened to Jesus Christ," was the feeling of Armand Askew. "How he had the Passover meal with his disciples, what he said or discussed with his disciples and how he suffered on the cross of our sins. I think the actors played very important roles in

jected what you most wanted to give," writes John White, in *Parents in Pain*.

Parents who have done their best but see their efforts trampled on cannot avoid heartbreak, but need to take some comfort in the fact that God saw it all, and He expects each of His children to take his and her own stand in life, after they have been given so much.

The letting-go process, begun at the delivery of a child into the world, is as much a part of the holiness of motherhood as was the early bonding and nurturing. Mary, the mother of Jesus, can relate to mothers as this process takes place. Recall how she suffered when she thought she lost Him at the age of 12 in the Temple. Remember again, when Jesus was very occupied teaching His followers and His mother came by to briefly speak with Him. Jesus finished preaching first, saying, "Who is my brother and sister and mother? Anyone who does the will of my Father in Heaven" (Mark 3:35). Even when she followed Him to the cross, He did not reserve her for Himself: "Woman, behold your son," He said, indicating the Apostle, John, and all of us, as her children.

She understood, and wouldn't have wanted it any other way, because hers was a **giving love**. He and she knew that their spirits were so much at one that neither of them ever moved forward alone. She was with Him in spirit at His agony in the garden, at His death, and at His resurrection. She set her Child free as she heard Him pray from the cross the psalm that includes:

"You drew me out of the womb; You entrusted me to my mother's breasts."

Placed on Your lap from My birth, From My mother's womb You have been My God."

(Ps. 22:9)

We thank God for mothering us through our mothers, and ask Him to ever hold them in the Palm of His Hand.

Sr. Mary Sheridan
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the play and Mrs. Ross directed the choir very well."

Frank Neidart summed it up nicely. "To me we deserve five stars and thumbs up. That's how good the passion play really was."

And so it was.

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